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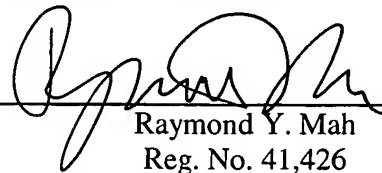
COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's Reasons for Allowance states, "CLAIMS 1, 4 and 15: In view of the limitations, the prior art does not disclose alone or in combination a motor control apparatus having a control means...(emphasis added)." Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance to the extent it may suggest that claim 15 (for example) requires any "means" phraseology and to the extent that it may suggest that claim 15 is to be interpreted under 35 U.S.C. §112, sixth paragraph. Language present in the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance which is not recited in the claims should not be used to narrow the claims in any respect.

Respectfully submitted,

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